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# DEDMON CONNECTION

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## THE DEER SLAYER(S)

The population of deer in South Georgia surley must be getting thin. Although I have hunted in years gone by, I have never hunted deer, nor have I ever wanted to do so. I hunted rabbit and squirrel a few times with friends who where much more avid than myself. I never was a good shot and always let the others take home whatever game we might have gotten. However, quail was my favorite game to hunt. I suppose one reason was my enjoyment of eating the little birds. I do own a couple of guns, but have not hunted in a long time.

My granddaughter and her family seem to have become “experts” at hunting deer. Their den is lined with those heads with antlers. They recently spent a week at their deer camp in South Georgia and literally “brought home the bacon”, well in this case the vinison. Carrie is quite



proficient in the preparation of it as they use it to help feed their family of six. Even 3 year old Makala has gotten into the act, although to my knowledge she has not “bagged” one. The picture to the right shows her in hunting attire, but as you can see, she has no weapon. I think she could stare them down. Curt, age 10, has about five notches in his gun and although he has a broken arm, he was able to “bring one in”. Cassidy and Masie are certainly not to be left out of the action. They each got one, although I don’t believe it was their first. Last, but



*Masie (left) and Cassidy (right) pose with their prized bucks. They didn’t stay the whole week as the comforts of home suits them better.*

*I am certain Curt is hurting and very disappointed when breaking his arm, just a few days before they were to leave on the hunting expedition. But, you can see, he is all smiles, knowing he got one.*

certainly not least are Carrie and Mark. Of course, Mark has so many to his credit, he has quit counting. Not sure if that was the first for Carrie or not.



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**Down  
Memory Lane**



*Send me your old stories or articles relating to the Dedmon Family. Come on folks!!! Dig into that old shoe box in the closet and bring out the goodies!!!!*

*There have been numerous times when I have been asked if I was related to the folk who owned the Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg, Ky. Of course in the early days of my life I was only kin to my immediate family and some of them were questionable. The same was true when I lived in Manchester, TN and became acquainted with the Deadman Funeral Home. I just did not realize at the time spelling didn't count when it came to surnames.*

*I have been intrigued by the name Dixon Dedmon from the first time I saw the name. I suppose this is due to the fact that my maternal grandfather was George Dickson (Dixon). Although he spelled it Dickson, my grandmother put Dixon on his tombstone. Several other family members changed the spelling for various reasons. One of my ancestors was called Calvin Dedmon Dickson.*

*In this issue of THE DEDMON CONNECTION, I am including several obituaries from the Dedman family associated with the Beaumont Inn Bread and Breakfast. Also, I am publishing a few pictures that I have taken from their web site. They also have a facebook page for those of you who are on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/beamontinn/info?tab=overview>. -Leroy*

### History At a Glance

You can go to: <http://www.beaumontinn.com> for a complete history of this famous structure. However I will give you a "cooks tour" here and now.

Constructed in 1845, the building which is now the Main Inn was a school for young ladies. It was owned by Dr. Samuel Mullins, known as Greenville Institute until 1855.

For the next forty years, the school was known as Daughters College, under the direction of Mr. John Augustus Williams, former president of the University of Kentucky. In 1894, the school was bought by Colonel Thomas Smith, veteran of the army of the Confederate States of America. The school operated as Beaumont College until 1916. It was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Glave Goddard in 1917 and converted by them into the Beaumont Inn two years later.

Now, almost a century afterward, descendants of the Goddards continue to refine the art of southern hospitality. Here in a park-like setting of centuries-old forest trees, serenely remote from the cares of the work-a-day world, the fourth and fifth generations of the family now open the doors of The Beaumont Inn to welcome guests to their heritage and hospitality.

The Dedman family became involved when Pauline Bell Goddard married Thomas Curry Dedman, Sr. in 1906. Pauline followed her mother as innkeeper, followed by her son Thomas "Bud" Curry Dedman, Jr. and his wife Mary Elizabeth Ransdell Dedman. Their son, Charles "Chuck" Minor Dedman and his wife, Helen Williams Dedman became the fourth generation innkeepers and their son, Samuel Dixon Dedman, with his wife Elizabeth joins them as the fifth generation, making Beaumont Inn Kentucky's oldest family-operated country inn.



## The Beaumont Inn

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***Beaumont Inn, a Kentucky Landmark***

**MARY ELIZABETH DEDMAN**

**Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ransdell Dedman**, 79, of 618 Beaumont Drive, died Sunday, August 17, 1997 at the James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital. She was born July 4, 1918 in Mercer County to the late Minor and Alma Campbell Ransdell. She was a well known and highly respected member of the community, a native of Mercer County, and a 1940 graduate from Centre College, with a teaching degree. She taught primary school for one year before turning her full attention to the tasks that would define her life; that of wife, mother, a member of the Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church and co-owner and operator of one of the most famous historic attractions in Harrodsburg, The Beaumont Inn.

**The Beaumont Inn**, a former girls' school, was purchased by her husband's family and she and her husband along with their children transformed it into an internationally renowned country inn. "Her life was devoted to her family," said daughter-in-law Helen Dedman. "Her husband, five children and Beaumont Inn became her career." Mrs. Dedman and husband of 57 years, Thomas Curry "Bud" Dedman, Jr., were involved in various aspects of Harrodsburg community life over the years.

Bud Dedman was one of the founders of the Fort Harrod Drama and the couple was very actively involved in the support of the Harrodsburg Band while their children were in school. Mrs. Dedman escorted the band on numerous performance trips across the country and the Dedman home was always open to those students and parents, said daughter-in-law Elaine Dedman.

Mrs. Dedman was also very active in the Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church where she was a member and served on various improvement and beautification committees. In her later years, Mrs. Dedman limited her activities to those she loved the most; enjoying her

11 grandchildren, enlarging her impressive collection of Rookwood pottery and pigs, and gardening. "She loved her collecting with a passion," said daughter Anne Hunt. "She had a very green thumb and an ability to give incredible care to all living things."

Those who were closest to Mrs. Dedman, fondly known as "Ma'am" to family and friends, recall her sharp sense of humor, her innate good taste and her utter devotion to her family as the essence of her life. "Ma'am was the epitome of Southern gentility," said Erin Milburn, former Beaumont Inn employee. "She adored her family and took the utmost pride in their every accomplishment. She relished her role as wife, mother, grandmother and matriarch of Beaumont Inn and lived as a testament to the traditional values of home and hearth. "She was truly a woman of class and distinction and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her."

Survivors include: her husband, Thomas Curry "Bud" Dedman, Jr., Harrodsburg; three sons, Dr. Thomas C. Dedman III, Louisville, Dr. Nick G. Dedman and Charles M. "Chuck" Dedman, both of Harrodsburg; two daughters, Libby Dedman Young and Anne Dedman Hunt, both of Louisville; 11 grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 20th at the Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Leslie Rust officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Peeler, Dave Monaco, Jeff Johnston, John Dedman, Dixon Dedman, Bob Baughman, Bill Baughman, Tom Baughman and Scott Hunt Jr. Memorial contributions are suggested to be given to the Trust Fund of the Harrodsburg United Presbyterian Church, 326 S. Main St., Harrodsburg, KY 40330. McClellan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



***The stately Greystone House, built in 1931 as a private home, offers one Gold Room and three spacious Platinum Suites, with private baths, cable television, wi-fi, coffee makers and individual-room climate control .***

## THOMAS CURRY “BUD” DEDMAN, JR.

Thomas Curry “Bud” Dedman, Jr., age 87, 618 Beaumont Inn Drive, widower of the late Mary Elizabeth Ransdell Dedman, died Friday evening at the James B. Haggin Memorial Hospital after an illness. Born December 12, 1915 in Mercer County, he was the son of the late Thomas C. Dedman, Sr. and Pauline Goddard Dedman.

He was a 1938 graduate of Centre College with a BA Degree in English and a member of the Beta Theta Phi Fraternity and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2001. As a former Centre graduate and a parent of graduates, he claimed one of his greatest accomplishments was to have had four of his five children to graduate from Centre College and also a former and current Centre grandparent. Every year the 50th, 55th, and 60th Centre College class reunions were held at Beaumont Inn. He also recently served as host for the Vice Presidential Debate moderator Bernard Shaw. He was the owner, proprietor and President of Beaumont Inn Corporation.

Mr. Dedman was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. Throughout his lifetime he worked to establish Beaumont Inn, which has been owned and operated by his family since 1919 and founded by his grandfather the late Glave Goddard, as Kentucky’s most celebrated hospitality landmark and was the third generation in his family to run the Inn. Many of the dishes served at the Inn are from Mr. Dedman’s grandmother. Beaumont Inn is known for Mr. Dedman’s own cured country ham. He and the Inn have been featured in several major hospitality publications, such as Duncan Hines’ Adventures in Good Eating, Gourmet Magazine, Bon Appetit magazine, Southern Living Magazine, Life Magazine, Redbook Magazine, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Kentucky Advocate Magazine, and numerous other publications.

In 1979, he and his wife were honored at the Kentuckians Club in New York City with a traditional Kentucky dinner featuring Beaumont Inn recipes. KET and PBS did a feature on Mr. Dedman promoting the history, production, and lore of Kentucky Country Hams. He was the founder of Fort Harrod Drama Productions which is Kentucky’s second longest running summer outdoor theater and was former President of Fort Harrod Productions for 12 years, a former Board of Directors member for the Kentucky State Chamber of Commerce, a former member of the Board of Directors for the Kentucky River Task Force, was named a Kentucky Colonel in 1963 and was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Harrodsburg.

Survivors include three sons, Dr. Thomas P. Dedman, III and his wife Debbe of Louisville, Dr. Nick Dedman and his wife Elaine, Harrodsburg, and Chuck Dedman and his wife Helen also of Harrodsburg; one daughter Libby Dedman Young and her husband Van, Lexington; one sister Anne Dedman Cherry, Harrodsburg, twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Anne Dedman Hunt.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM Tuesday at the United Presbyterian Church by Doug Slagle; burial will be in the Springhill Cemetery. Visitation will be held Monday evening from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Beaumont Inn and after 12:00 noon at the Church. Pallbearers are Scott Hunt, Jr., **John Dedman**, **S. Dixon Dedman**, Jake Heustis, Mark Peeler, Dave Monaco, Chris Watkins, and Anthony Pollio. Honorary bearers are Bob, Bill, Tom, Pete, and Johnny Baughman. Memorials are suggested to the **Anne Dedman Hunt** Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ft. Harrod Drama Production, Inc., United Presbyterian Church Foundation or Heritage Hospice.



*Goddard Hall, built in 1935, features 10 deluxe guest rooms with queen beds, private baths, central air conditioning/heat with individual room controls, cable television, telephones, coffee makers, and Wi-fi access. It's a perfect place for a family reunion or groups since it has great porches for gathering. Goddard Hall is named after Annie Bell Goddard, founder of Beaumont Inn. Several of these rooms contain framed memorabilia and articles of clothing belonging to the founder. Two of the rooms have a Murphys bed to sleep an extra person*

## ELIZABETH "LIBBY" DEDMAN YOUNG

LOUISVILLE - **Elizabeth "Libby" Dedman Young**, 50, originally of Lexington, died Wednesday, Nov 19 2008.

Born Jan. 27, 1948, she was the daughter of the late **T.C. (Bud) Dedman and Mary Elizabeth Ransdell Dedman**, owners and operators of the Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg.

Elizabeth was a graduate of Centre College and was the 1967 Mountain Laurel Queen. She was a former member of the Louisville Younger Woman's Club and Junior League of Louisville. She taught at Barrett Traditional School, was a member of the Board of Directors of Second Presbyterian Preschool and was active on various boards at Kentucky Country Day School. She volunteered at Baptist Hospital East for many years. Elizabeth was preceded in death by her sister, **Anne Dedman Hunt**.

Survivors include her husband, R. Van Young; two daughters, Mollie (Dave) Young Monaco of Raleigh, N.C., and Maggie (Mark) Young Peeler of Due West, S.C.; six grandchildren; three brothers, **Dr. Tom (Debbe) Dedman** of Louisville, and **Dr. Nick (Elaine) Dedman and Chuck (Helen) Dedman**, both of Harrodsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and staff at Consultants in Blood Disorders and Cancer, Baptist Hospital East, and especially the nurses on the third floor of Baptist Hospital East, Park Tower and her Hosparus Team for their loving and compassionate care.

Services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Springdale Presbyterian Church, 7812 Old Brownsboro Road, with a 2 p.m. graveside service at Spring Hill Cemetery in Harrodsburg. Visitation is 2-6 p.m. today at Pearson Funeral Home, 149 Breckenridge Lane, Louisville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may go to Hosparus of Louisville, the **Anne Dedman Hunt** Scholarship Fund, c/o **Chuck Dedman**, P.O. Box 158, Harrodsburg, KY, 40330, or charity of donor's choice.



*The Old Owl TAVERN has become Harrodsburg's favorite "bar and grill" restaurant*

## ANNE DEDMAN HUNT

**Anne Dedman Hunt**, 48, of Prospect, died Friday, May 21, 1999, at her residence. Born March 14, 1951, she was the daughter of **Thomas Curry Dedman, Jr.**, and the late **Mary Elizabeth Dedman**. She was a graduate of Harrodsburg High School and Centre College. She was a member of the Younger Woman's Club of Louisville, Reach to Recovery, Habitat for Humanity, and a former board member of the Lakeside Swim Team. She was a member of Springdale Presbyterian Church. Survivors include: her husband, W. Scott Hunt, Prospect; a son, W. Scott Hunt Jr.; a daughter, Anne Shelton Hunt; both of Prospect; her father, **Thomas Curry Dedman, Jr.**, Harrodsburg; one sister, **Libby Dedman Young**, Louisville; three brothers, **Chuck and Dr. Nick Dedman**, both of Harrodsburg, and **Dr. Tom Dedman**, of Louisville. Funeral services were held Monday, May 24, at Springdale Presbyterian Church, 7810 Old Brownsboro Road, Louisville. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery, Harrodsburg. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Louisville, 3523 Ephraim McDowell Rd., Louisville, 40205, or to her church.



*One Platinum Suite in the Greystone House has a large screened porch.*



*Sleep in comfort in a King size bed in a Gold Room in the Greystone House.*



## ...Just the GOOD NEWS

### DEWAYNE DEDMON

*I have followed Dewayn's basketball career with interest for the past few years as there have been very few Dedmons in professional sports. -Leroy*

He attended Lancaster High School in Lancaster, CA, but did not play high school basketball for the Eagles until his senior year, due to religious reasons.



Dewayne's mother raised him and his two sisters in the Antelope Valley as a single mother and a devout Jehovah's Witness. Although young Dewayne was tall and athletic and energetic growing up, his mother wanted his time and energy focused elsewhere, and

did not want him participating in sports. Each year of high school Dewayne tried out for the basketball team, each year he made the team, and each year his mother told him he was not allowed to play. This went on until he was an 18 year old senior, at which point the son exercised his right as an adult to go against the wishes of his mother and he remained on the team. He was 6'8" and physically gifted, but had never played the game before, and spent the season riding the bench. For his entire high school career, Dedmon scored 2 points.

Following graduation in 2008, he attended Antelope Valley as a part-time student. He did not play basketball during the 2008–09 season. In 2009–10, he helped the Antelope Valley Marauders to a 17–14 record while averaging 6.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. In 2010, he transferred to the University of Southern California. After redshirting the 2010–11 season due to NCAA transfer rules, he battled through injuries throughout the 2011–12 season which curtailed his development. In his major college debut, he scored 16 points for the USC Trojans in their season opening win over Cal State Northridge. It's just the most recent step in an amazing journey that may well take Dewayne Dedmon all the way to the NBA.

In 20 games (all starts), he averaged 7.6 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. In 2012-13 as a redshirt junior, he appeared in 31 games (29 starts), averaging 6.7 ppg., 7.0 rpg., 2.13 bpg. and 1.10 spg. in 22.3 mpg. He led the Trojans in rebounding and blocked shots. he played 31 games, averaging 6.7 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 2.1 blocks per game

After going undrafted in the 2013 NBA draft, he joined the Miami Heat for the Orlando Summer League and the Dallas Mavericks for the Las Vegas Summer League. On September 23, 2013, he signed with the Golden State Warriors. The rest of 2013 he "bounced" back and forth between Golden State and Santa Cruz Warriors.



On January 14, 2014, he signed a 10-day contract with the Philadelphia 76ers. On January 15, Dedmon made his debut for the 76ers. In 14 minutes of play, he recorded 7 rebounds and 2 blocks in a 95-92 win over the Charlotte Bobcats. On January 24, 2014, he signed a second 10-day contract with the 76ers. He was subsequently not signed for the rest of season after his second 10-day contract expired.



On February 3, 2014, he was named to the Futures All-Star roster for the 2014 NBA D-League All-Star Game. On February 4, 2014, he was re-acquired by the Santa Cruz Warriors. On February 25, 2014, he signed with the Orlando Magic. In the Magic's preseason game against the Indiana Pacers, he collected four boards and blocked one shot in 15 minutes.

Dedmon is the player with the talent to be a difference maker. He's come a long way from a 2 point high school basketball career. How much further he can go remains to be seen. But one thing is for certain - he'll enjoy every minute of it.

For a story of Dewayne's life and struggle with his religion go to the story printed by Sports Illustrated at: <http://www.si.com/vault/2011/11/14/106130712/dewayne-dedmons-leap-of-faith>

# DEATH NOTICES

## CLYDE ELAM SCISM, SR

Clyde Elam Scism, Sr., 84, of 3264 Ramseur Church Road, Shelby, passed away Thursday, May 2, 2013 at Kings Mountain Hospice House in Kings Mountain. Mr. Scism was born in Cleveland County on July 11, 1928, to the late C.D. Scism and **Beulah Dedmon Scism**.



He retired after 31 years of service from Foote Mineral as a supervisor in the mine department and was also a heavy equipment operator. He also served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict.

In addition to his parents Mr. Scism is preceded in death by his wife Martha Joann Wright Scism; two sons, Clyde Scism, Jr. and Lee Scism; brother, James C. Scism; and three sisters, Ethel Scism Farmer, Betty Scism Spake, and Dot Scism Seagraves.

He is survived by two daughters, Charlene Scism Parker and husband Boyd and Patty Scism Botts both of Shelby; two daughters-in-law, Nancy Royster Scism of Lawndale and Amanda Thrift Scism of Shelby; sisters, Lib Scism Carpenter of Hickory; brother, Joe B. Scism of Lawndale and seven grandchildren, Jenna Parker Hamby and husband Jeremy, Holly Parker and fiancé Douglas Breashears, Caroline Scism, Anna Botts, Michael Botts, Dixon Scism and Dillon Scism.

Visitation will be from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Sunday, at the Stamey Funeral Home, Fallston. Condolences may be made online at [www.stameyfuneralhome.com](http://www.stameyfuneralhome.com). Funeral Services will be 3:00 PM, Sunday, at the Stamey Funeral Home Chapel, Fallston, with Dr. Brian Johnson officiating.

**Interment: Rose Hill Memorial Park,  
Fallston. NC**

**Arrangements: Stamey Funeral Home,  
Fallston. NC**

## RUTH DEDMON



Gastonia, NC- **Ruth "Rufie" Margaret Dietz Dedmon**, 92, went to meet her maker on Oct. 18, 2014, at Courtland Terrace in Gastonia, NC. She was born Aug. 18, 1922, in Baltimore, Maryland, daughter of the late Frank and Emma Pretzch Dietz.

Ruth spent the majority of her life in Baltimore. Ruth had many talents, one being that she made the most incredible, authentic crab cakes. She was also a giving person who spent many years supporting and working at the local Goodwill Store there. She was a devout Christian, worshipping in Baltimore at Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church, as well as Second and Fourth Baptist Church. In Gastonia, she worshipped at St. Michael's Catholic Church and also at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville. Ruth truly cherished family and friends. If she were not spending time with them in person, she was with them on the phone or dining out with her loved ones. She was also an avid lover of the written word and communicated that love with letters and notes to friends and loved ones near and afar.

Ruth is survived by her loving son, **Lee Dedmon**, and wife Marilyn of Gastonia; three grandchildren and their spouses: Matthew and Michelle Dedmon of Boston, MA, Lee Ann and Jacob Hilbrich of League City, TX, Bradford and Jenna Mulkey of Gastonia; precious great-granddaughter, Madeline Mulkey; loving sister-in-law Ruby Black of Cherryville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 54 years, **Leroy "Roy" Dedmon**, and her twin brother William.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, at McLean Funeral Directors in Gastonia. The funeral service will be held at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Cherryville on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at 11 a.m., with the Reverend Wayne Key officiating. Interment will follow at Ross Grove Baptist Church in Shelby, NC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to North Carolina Eye Bank, 3900 Westpoint Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC, 27103, [www.miracleinsight.org](http://www.miracleinsight.org), or to Gaston Hospice, PO Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054, [www.gastonhospice.org](http://www.gastonhospice.org). Condolence messages may be sent online at [www.McLeanFuneral.com](http://www.McLeanFuneral.com). McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the family.

## GEORGEA.DEDMON

Funeral services for Mr. **George Arthur Dedmon**, 88, will be held at 4:30 P.M. Friday, June 30, 2006 at the Main Street Church of Christ with Leo Powers and Robert Lambert officiating. Burial will follow at the White Rose Cemetery in Gibson, TN.



Mr. Dedmon died Wednesday, June 28, 2006 at the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital. He was born June 12, 1918 in Gibson, TN to the late A. N. and Bertie Jones Dedmon.

He was the retired owner and operator of Milan Box Corporation, and served in the US Navy during World War II.

A member of Main Street Church of Christ, Mr. Dedmon formerly served as an Elder and Sunday School Teacher. He also served as Treasurer of the Graball Community Club, was named the 1987 Man of the Year by the Milan Chamber of Commerce, and was a past President of the National Wirebound Box Association.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Dedmon was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Doris Claybrook Dedmon; and his brother, James Dedmon.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Buford of Medina, TN and Debbie Page of Greenfield, TN; two sons, Franklin Dedmon of Milan, TN and John Dedmon of Nashville, TN; a sister, Martha Wilson of Milan, TN; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## CURTIS DEDMON JR.



Dedmon, Curtis Jr. Age 91. October 29, 2014. Combined services will be held Wed., November 5. Funeral 11 AM. Visitation 10-11 AM in the chapel of:

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## JOSEPHINE GUESS DEDMON



Ms. Josephine Guess Dedmon, age 63 of Yulee FL passed away Thursday morning, September 11, 2014 at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach FL. Ms. Dedmon was born on October 15, 1950 in Lakeland GA, the fourth of five children to the late Homer and Audrey Colley Guess.

She was a 1968 graduate of Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville, FL. She was employed with TropiCare Industries as a Horticultural Specialist where she supplied creative displays, instituted proper plant maintenance and established inventory management contributions to Home Depot. Ms. Dedmon has been a resident of Yulee FL for 20 years coming from St. Simons Island. She was untouchable in the kitchen, always preparing amazing family meals, and published a Family Cookbook, which will forever serve as an heirloom. She was passionate about every holiday, loved plants, creative in horticulture, loved traveling and riding Harley Davidson's, and above all else, her greatest passion was her family. She leaves behind her companion of over 20 years, Joseph Zimny of Yulee FL. Her three daughters, Terri Lynn Floyd of St. Simons Island, GA, Angela Drawdy and her husband Donnie also of St. Simons Island, and Jody Smith and her husband Charles of Brunswick, GA. Her grandchildren Austin Hudson of Athens, GA, Madison Knight and Pegan Smith both of Brunswick, GA. Her siblings Homer Guess and his wife Wanda of Glenn St. Mary, FL, Linda Popwell and Penny Lynn both of Brunswick, GA and Andrew Guess and his wife Cynthia of Jacksonville, FL. Many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and a great-great niece and nephew as well as extended family. A celebration of her life will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday at the St. Simons Island Community Church, 2700 Frederica Rd, St. Simons Island, GA 31522 with Senior Pastor David Yarborough presiding. The family will hold a reception at Rainbow Island on Sea Island following the service. If so desired, donations may be made in her name to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Warner Center for Caring, 1348 South 18th St, Fernandina Beach, FL, 32034.